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**RE: Memorandum of Agreement between DOE and Ministry of Commerce,
Industry and Tourism of Spain**

I have discussed your concern about whether DOE's continued support of the health surveillance in the Palomares, Spain region requires an international agreement with Harry Pettengill and other members of the Office of International Health Studies.

We feel that a MOA is the most suitable vehicle for supporting these studies for political reasons - i.e. it emphasizes that the US commitment to support their surveillance efforts is unchanged. Furthermore, it is administratively preferable. That is, a contract mechanism would be inappropriate because we are not necessarily funding specific task related items, and an unsolicited grant proposal would be inappropriate because this has been a continuing project, and thus, is not "unsolicited".

You had questions about the contract documents and the citation of the law. Enclosed please find contract documents that I received from procurement for the DOE contract DE-G101-82EP12126 that you requested. The only "legal" documents that I have located is the Hall-Otero Agreement which was enclosed as attachment (1) in the original memo sent to GC on Dec 27, 1994, I have not been able to identify any citation to the law.

Please let me know if you have any other questions and if you can begin processing the MOA.

Thank you for your assistance.